

# EVER SEEN IN A SIX-DAY RACE

Zimmerman Says: "Hall, Stephane, Rice."

SIX-DAY racing is an uncertain proposition at the best, and it is almost impossible to pick a winner. A man might be in good condition at the start and go bad within a day or two. The main thing is to keep a man's stomach in good condition. For this last reason I do not favor particularly well the chances of the French riders. At home they drink wine with their meals, eat anything that suits their fancy and appear to be lax in preparing for a contest of endurance. Still I consider that Stephane has a good chance to win first money, for he is an old timer at the long-distance game, and knows what is best for him. However, his idea that he can finish the race without sleep should be tabooed by his trainers.

Hall, of course, will be the favorite, and as he looks to be in good trim, I consider his chances the best, with Stephane and Rice next in order. The wheel that Hall will use will, I think, be a drawback to his chances.

Maurice, the Belgian, seems to have more luck of training than the other visitors, and, to my mind, would make an ideal twenty-four hour man. As for six days, I am afraid he cannot stand the journey. Davidson, Tims and the other sprinters are good men in their class, but they may be out of their depth. Besides, they lack "fix-day" experience. Schock, Reading and Pierce should be near the front at the finish.

A. A. ZIMMERMAN.

## WORLD-WIDE FAME AWAITS THE WINNER OF THE GREAT EVENT

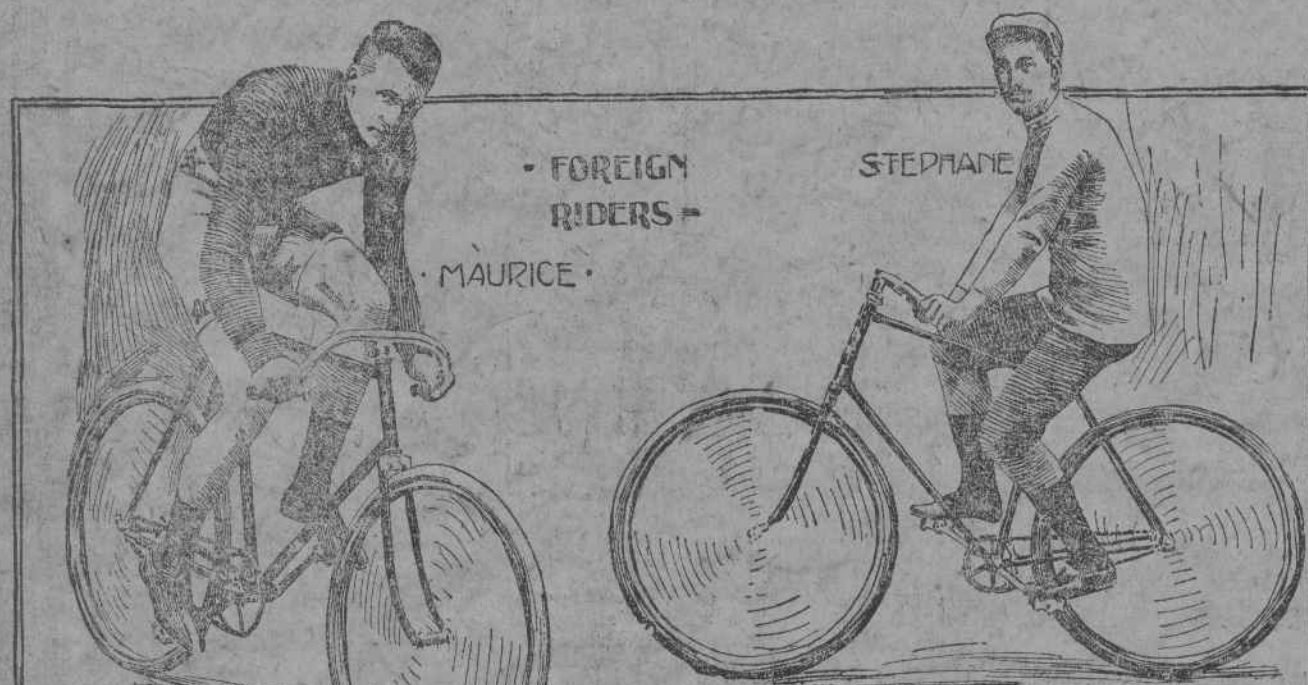
But the Strain of This Kind  
of a Race Is Something Terrific.

TRAINERS' HARD LABOR

It's More Than an Ordinary Undertaking to Awaken the  
Riders from Their Sleep.

CHAMPAGNE AT THE FINISH

As the Men Near the End of Their  
Journey They are Given Wine  
to Cheer Them.



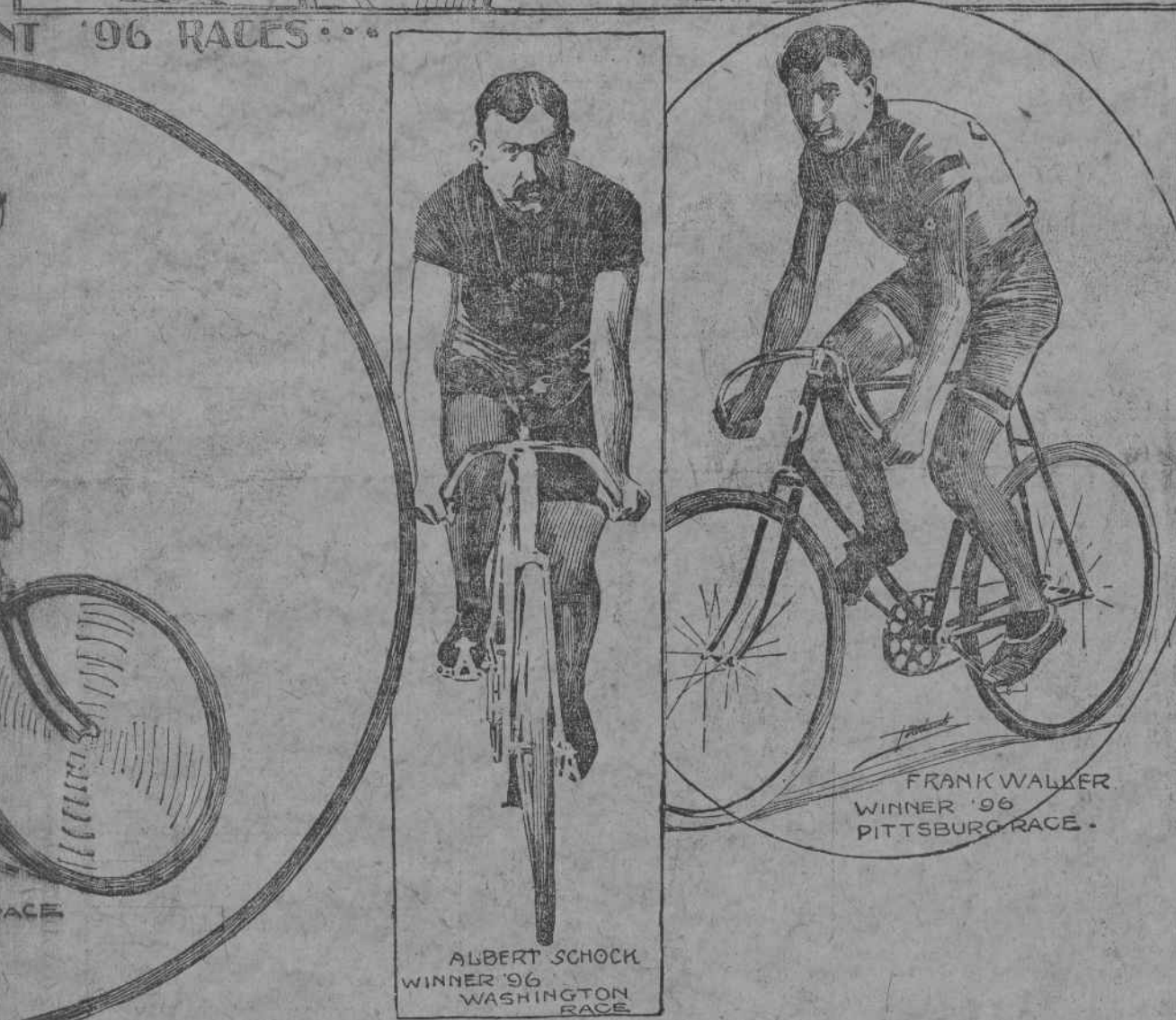
FOREIGN  
RIDERS -  
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PETER GOLDEN



ALBERT SCHOCK  
WINNER '96  
WASHINGTON RACE



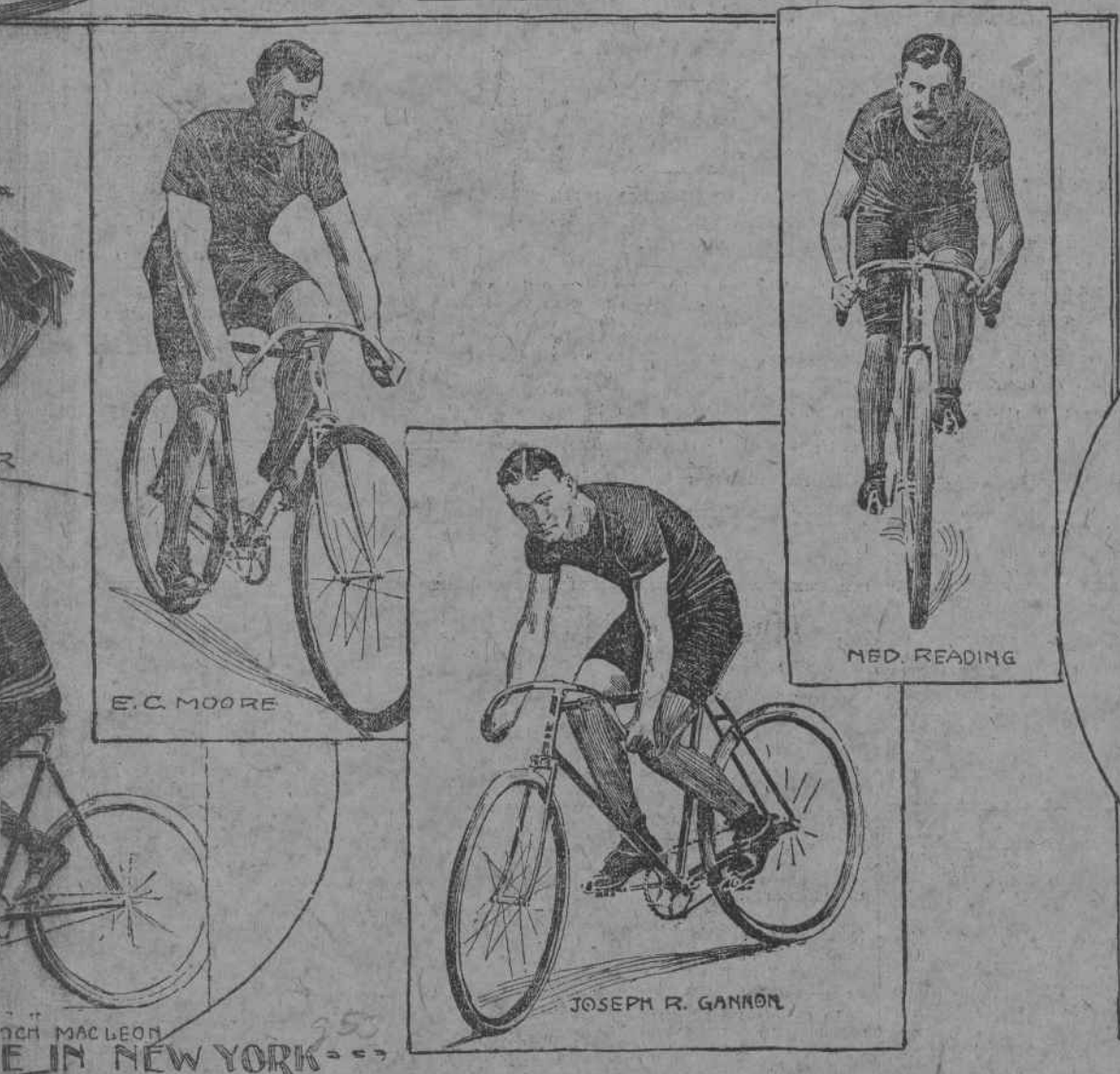
FRANK WALKER  
WINNER '96  
PITTSBURG RACE



FRANK ALBERTI



C.W. MILLER



E.C. MOORE



JOSEPH R. GANNON



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GEO EMILE RIVIERE

long distance race was when he finished second to Hale in the Madison Square Garden contest last year, covering 1,882 miles. Albert Schock was born in this country of Swiss parents, and is forty-one years old. He weighs 140 pounds, is 5 feet 6 inches high, and has taken part in more six-day contests than any other man in the country. He has held the bicycle records for six days a number of times, and his best figure at present is 1,700 miles, made last year.

Gaston Riviere was born in France thirty-five years ago, is 5 feet 9 inches high, and tips the beam at 140 pounds. He is called the "Grand Old Man of France," and for three years was the winner of the famous Paris-Bordeaux 365 mile road race. He has held the twenty-four hour record many times, his best effort in that line being 537 miles, which has only been beaten twice, and then only by foreigners, who had been brought up to the game. This will be his first effort in a six-day affair, and his work will be watched with interest.

Fred H. Schmeier comes from Chicago, although a native of Germany. He is twenty-five years old, five feet nine inches high, and weighs 155 pounds in training. He was the winner of the Chicago six-day race last year, and finished third in the twenty-four hour paced race.

Charles W. Miller, another German, has won only twice, and weighs 160 pounds. He has done some creditable long-distance work, including the twenty-four hour performance of 450 miles.

Stephane, whose real name is Etienne, is properly the most noted of all long-distance riders known in Europe. Born in Paris in 1863, he has been racing since 1879, when he was the champion on the "ordinary." Out of eighty-two races he captured seventy-eight firsts, and holds any number of records. The Paris-Bordeaux race has been placed to his credit a number of times, and the twenty-four hour mark has often fallen to his prowess on the wheel. A year or two ago he retired, but came out again this year, and has done some excellent work on the track and road.

The Belge is an ex-soldier.

Maurice, the Belgian, is twenty-seven years old, and spent three years in the army service before taking to the wheel. As an untrained rider he has few equals, and a number of times has lowered all the unplaced records from two to one hundred kilometers. Tall and handsome, he is always a favorite with the crowd, and once received a medal from King Leopold.

George Cartwright was born in England away back in 1855, and has gained fame as a pedestrian and cyclist in long-distance matches. He is 5 feet 5 inches high and weighs 145 pounds. If he succeeds as well as a cyclist as he did as a walker he will soon be on the high road to fortune.

Fred J. Tims, the winner of the Quill \$2,000 Handicap, makes his debut in the long-distance game. As the holder of the American four hour record and numerous other marks he has proved that he is a good one at the middle distances, and it is thought, will show good staying qualities in the six-day affair. He is willing to bet \$100 on himself that he will finish the race. He weighs 170 pounds, is 5 feet 10½ inches high, and is twenty-three years of age.

John Schmeier, the New York bicycle copper, is twenty-seven years old, 6 feet 1 inch high and weighs 178 pounds. He was born in Germany, and makes his first effort in the middle distance game in this contest.

W. H. Hicks, Jr., hails from Brooklyn, and during the past year or two has been a road rider of high degree. Numerous time prizes have come his way.

Ned Reading belongs to the United States army, and has secured a leave of absence for this contest. His record as a long distance rider is equal to that of any man in the race, and he holds the record for sitting 200 miles in a saddle without dismounting. He was born in Ohio thirty-three years ago and is 5 feet 10½ inches high and weighs 180 pounds.

E. C. Smith was born in Saratoga, and has lived there all his life. He finished seventh in last year's race with 1,754 miles to his credit, and is considered a big quantity. He is twenty-seven years old, 5 feet 8 inches high and weighs 168 pounds.

Stephen Fallon was born in Jersey twenty-five years ago and is a novice at the racing game. He weighs 130 pounds, and thinks he can stand the six day journey.

Joseph R. Gannon is a New Yorker, though born in Ireland twenty years ago. He has competed in twenty-four hour races as well as last year's Madison Square Garden race.

E. C. Moore was born in Ohio thirty-seven years ago, and is a pedestrian of more than ordinary ability. As a cyclist he has made only one effort at the long distance game, when he covered 1,065 miles last year.

J. F. E. Gray, the only colored contestant in the race, is a New Yorker, and has done some little local racing. He is twenty-eight years old, tips the beam at 137 pounds.

Albert Enterman is a German, a newcomer at the racing game, twenty years of age, and weighs 155 pounds.

Louis J. Klug is another German, was born twenty-three years ago. He has done a little racing on the road, but is his first try at the long distance game.

Theodore Bucke is a Scotch-American and has the distinction of having been on the Atlantic Ocean. He is a novice rider, but has shown good speed on the road while in training.

Harry D. Eiken will be the "kid" of the race. He is a sprinter as well as a long distance rider, and was born at Glens Falls eight years ago. He holds a number of competition records, and in an eight-hour race for six days covered 902 miles.

"Pete" Golden is a New Yorker, and one of the best known pedestrians of the time. He is thirty-six years old and weighs 145 pounds. He ran third in the Washington race last year, and is a stayer of the ability.

Frank Alberts is twenty-six years old and weighs 150 pounds. He has done considerable long distance riding with success.

Andrew Johnson was born in Pitts and is thirty-one years old. He has done any racing.

Daniel McLeod was born in New of Canadian parents, thirty-five years old. Although possessed of little speed, he is staying qualities that brought him through in last year's race.

Burns W. Pierce was born in Nova Scotia twenty-nine years ago, but is now American citizen, living in Waltham, Mass. He has done some very creditable distance work, and finished sixth in year's contest.

Frank Walker is forty years old, a string of records and rides the fill a book. He was born in New York and is the build of a giant.

Fred Forster hails from Bavaria, and thirty-seven years old. He has placed his creditable marks opposite his name in long-distance run, and is also a sprinter marked ability.

Charles W. Ashinger is thirty-seven years old, and ranks second to Schock in number of six-day races contested. He was born in Ohio, and has won any number of six-day races. He has never been known to quit in a contest of the kind.

George E. Riviere is a Frenchman, he is no relation to the "Grand Old Man of France." He is twenty-six years old, weighs 138 pounds, and holds French Canadian records. After his six-day ride in Washington he covered the last mile 2:38, which is the record.

Thomas A. Barnaby has only been for a year, and during that time has himself a stayer of the first water. He won the Harlem Wheelmen's 100-mile at Manhattan Beach, took the honor the Boston six-day affair, and altogether has shown that he is the likely contestant in this contest.

Oscar Julius is nineteen years old, comes from Stockholm, Sweden, and is one of the fastest skaters abroad, and has also done creditable work on the wheel. This will be his first six-day contest.

WHEN THEY BEGAN THEIR LONG JOURNEY IN THE GARDEN.